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# ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 14

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DIGEST OF SJ 14 (Updated February 22, 2016 12:37 pm - DI 84)

**Citations Affected:** Article V of the United States Constitution.

**Synopsis:** Article V Convention. Applies to Congress for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution to propose amendments to the United States Constitution. Provides that such a convention be limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that do the following: (1) Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government. (2) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government. (3) Limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

**Effective:** A constitutional convention is called when two-thirds of the state legislatures make application to the Congress to call a constitutional convention to consider an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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**Holdman, Young R Michael,  
Miller Pete, Raatz, Smith J, Bassler,  
Steele, Miller Patricia**

(HOUSE SPONSORS — KOCH, SMALTZ, MORRISON, LEHMAN)

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January 7, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules & Legislative Procedure.

January 19, 2016, reassigned to Committee on Civil Law pursuant to Rule 68(b).

January 26, 2016, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 1, 2016, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 2, 2016, read third time, passed. Yeas 34, nays 16.

#### HOUSE ACTION

February 9, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

February 22, 2016, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 14

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A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning imposition of fiscal restraints on the federal government, limitations of the powers and jurisdiction of federal powers, and the limitation of the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature of the State of Indiana hereby applies
- 2 to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the
- 3 United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to
- 4 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
- 5 impose fiscal restraints of the federal government, limit the power and
- 6 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for
- 7 its officials and for members of Congress.
- 8 SECTION 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit
- 9 copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United
- 10 States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House
- 11 of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and

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1 House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof  
2 to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several  
3 States, requesting their cooperation.

4 SECTION 3. This application constitutes a continuing application  
5 in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
6 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several States have  
7 made applications on the same subject.



Report of the President  
Pro Tempore

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that Senate Joint Resolution 14, currently assigned to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, be reassigned to the Committee on Civil Law.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Civil Law, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 14, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning imposition of fiscal restraints on the federal government, limitations of the powers and jurisdiction of federal powers, and the limitation of the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

Delete everything after the resolving clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. The legislature of the State of Indiana hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints of the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

SECTION 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.



SECTION 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several States have made applications on the same subject.

and when so amended that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to SJR 14 as introduced.)

BRAY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1.

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution 14, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to SJ 14 as introduced.)

STEUERWALD

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 3

